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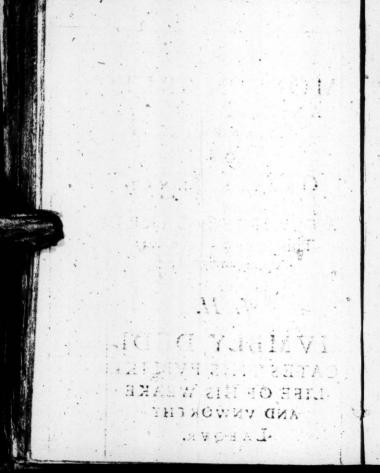
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AT WHOSE BARRE
This IMPOSTOR was
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## THE GREAT IMPOSTOR,

Laid open, out of

IBR. 17. 9.

The heart is deceitfull about all things.



Know where I am in one of the famous Phrontiferies of Law, and Justice: wher-

fore serves Law and Justice, but for the prevention or punish-

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ment of fraud and wickednesse? Give me leave therefore to bring before you, Students, Masters, Fathers, Oracles of Law and Iuflice, the greatest Cheator and Malefactor in the world, our owne Heart, It is a great word that I have faid, in promising to bring him before you; for this is one of the greatest aduantages of his fraud, that he cannot be feene: That as that old Jugler Apollonius Thyanens, when he was brought before the Judge, vanithed out of fight , fo this great Impostor, in his very presenting before you, dispeareth and is gone; yeafocunningly, that he doth it with our owne confent. and we would be toth that he could

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Epiphonema to this just complaint of deceirfulnesse, is added Who can know it ? It is easie to know that it is deceitfull, and in what it deceives, though the deceits themselves cannot bee knowne, till too late; As wee may feethe ship, and the sea, and the ship going on the sea, yet the way of a ship in the fea (as Salomon obserues) wee know not: God askes, and God shall anfwer; What he askes by Ieremie, he shall answer by S. Paul, Who knowes the heart of man? Euen the firit of man that is in bim. If then the heart have but eyes enow to. fee it felfe by the teffection of thoughts, it is enough : Ye hall

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eafily fee and heare enough (our of the analogie and refemblance of hearts) to make you both aftonished and ashamed.

The heart of man lies in a narrow roome, yet all the world
cannot fill it; but that which
may be faid of the heart, would
more than fill a world: Here is a
double stilegiuen it; of deceitfulnesse; of wickednesse; either
of which knowes no end, whether of being, or of discourse. I
spend my houre, and might doe
my life, in treating of the first.

See then, I beseech you, the Impostor, and the Imposture; The Imposture, The beart of man; The Imposture, Deceitfull above all things.

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As deceitfull persons are wont cuer to goe vnder many names, and ambiguous, and must be exprest with an [alias] so doth the heart of man; Neither man himselfe, nor any part of man hath fo many names, as the heart alone; For every facultie that it hath, and every action it doth, it hath a feuerall name of Neither is there more multiplicitie, than doubt in this name; Not fo many termes are yied to lignific the heart, as the heart fignifies manythings ad oremail son

When ye heare of the heart, ye thinke straighpof that fleshie part in the center of the body which lides first, and whose locatings you finde to

to keepe time all the body ouer; That is not it which is fo cunning; Alas, that is a poore harmelesse peece; meerely pasfive; and if it doe any thing, as the subministration of Vitall spirits to the maintenance of the whole frame, it is but good; no, it is the spirituall part that lurkes in this fleth, which is guilty of fuch deceit. We must learne of witty Idolatry to diftinguish betwist the stocke and the inuisible powers shardwell, in it It is not for me to be aftigkler betwist the Hebresies, and the Greeke Philosophers and Phyficiarispita quellion of maturall learnings concerning the franch shellouley nonmanifill spie

reasons why the spirit of God rather places all the spirituall powers in the heart, than in the braine; Doubtlesse in respect of the affections there resident, whereby all those speculative abilities are drawne to practife; It shall suffice vs to take things as we finde them, and to hold it for granted, that this Monofyllable (for so it is in many languages) comprises all that intellective and affective world which concerneth man; and in plaine termes to fay, that when God faies The heart is deceitfull, he meanes, the vnderstanding, will, affections are deceitfull.

The vnderstanding is doubly deceitfull; It makes vs belowe

it knowes those things which it doth not; and that it knowes not those things which it doth: As some foolish Mountebanke, that holds it a great glory to feeme to know all things; or some presuming Physician, that thinkes it a shame not to professe skill in any state of the body, or disease; so doth our vaine understanding; therein framing it selfe according to the spirits it meets withall; if they be proud and curious, it perswades them, they know euery thing; if carelesse, that they know enough.

In the first kinde; What hath not the fond heart of man dared to arrogate to it selfe? It

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knowes all the starres by their names; Tush, that is nothing; It knowes what the stars meane by their verie lookes, what the birds meane by their chirping, as Apollonius did; What the heart meanes, by the features of the face; it knowes the events of life by the lines of the hand: the secrets of Art, the secrets of Nature, the secrets of State, the fecrets of others hearts, yea the fecrets of God in the closet of heauen; Yea, not only what God hath done, but what he will doe: This is (Sapiens Aultitia) a wisc folly, as Ireneus said of his Valentinians; All Figure-casters, Palmesters, Physiognomers, Fortune-tellers, Alchymists, fantasticke

sticke projectors, and all therab-Ads 19.19. ble of profesiors of those medige not fo much curious as idle Arts, have their word given them by the Apostle, Deceining and deceived; neither can thefe men make any worle fooles, than their hearts have made themselues; and well may that Brazer vo- Alexandrian taxe bee fet vpon them in both names, whether of active, or passive folly: And (as it commonly fals out, that fuperfluous things rob the heart of necessary) in the meane while, those things which the heart may and should know, it lightly mif-knowes: As our senles are deceived by distance, or interpofitions, to thinke the stars beamic

mie and sparkling, the Moone horned, the Planets equally remote, the Sunne sometimes red, pale other some : so doth also our vnderstanding erre, in mifopinion of diuine things; It thinkes it knowes God, when it is but an Idoll of fancy, as Sauls messengers, when they came into the roome, thought they had the true David, when it was but a Wispe; it knowes the will of God, when it is nothing but grosse mis-construction: so as the common knowledge of men, though they thinke it a Torch, is but an Ignis Fathus to leade them to a ditch: How many thousand Assyrians thinke they are in the way to the Prophet, phet, when they are in the midst of Samaria? How many millions thinke they walke fairely on to heauen, when indeed they are in the broad way that leads to destruction? Oh pooreblind Pagans, halfe-fighted Turkes, bleare-eied Iewes, blind-folded Papists, Squint-eied Schismaticks, purblind ignorants, how well doe they finde themselues pleased with their deuotion, and thinke God should bee so too; when it is nothing but a mixture of mesprison, superstition, conceitednesse; and (according to the seldome-reuerently-vsed prouerb) whiles they thinke they have God by the finger, they hold a deuill by the toe; and

and all this, because their heart deceives them. If carelesse, and loth to bee at the paines of knowing more, it perswades them they know enough; that they cry out of more, as he did on the ointment, (Ve quid perditio bec? ) What needs all this waste? and makes them as conscionable for knowledge, as Elan was for cattle, I have enough, my brother, keepe that thou hast to thy selfe; or as contentedly-resolute, as the Epicure in the Gospell: Soule take thy ease, thou hast knowledge enough laid rop for many yeeres.

From whence it is, that too many rest simply (yea wilfully) in their owne measure, not so much as wishing more skill in

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Soule-matters; applauding their owne safe mediocritie; like the credulous blinde man that thought he now faw a shimmering of the Sunne-beames, when indeed his backe was towards it: Hence it is that they scoffe at the foolishnesse of preaching, scorne the forward bookishnesse of others, fearing nothing but a furfet of Manna, and hating to know more than their neighbours, than their fore-fathers; & thus are led on muffled yp in an vnfelt ignorance, to their graue, yea, ( without the mercy of God) to their hell.

And as in these things there is a presumption of knowing what we doe not; so contrarily,

a diffimulation and concealement of the knowledge of what we doe understand; The heart of man is a great lier to it selfe this way; Saint Paul faies that of Pagans, which I may boldly fay of Christians, they have the effect of the law written in their hearts; yet many of them will not bee acknowne of one letter ingrauen there by the finger of God: Certaine common principles there are ( together with this law) interlinearily written in the tables of the heart, as that we must doe as we would bedone to; That there is a God; et this God is infinite in ittuce and truth, and must be ferued like himselfe; these they

either blot out, or lay their finger on, that they may not bee leene, purpolely, that they may finne freely; and faine would perswade themselves they never had any fuch euidence from God: so putting off the checks of conscience with bold denyalls; like the harlot of lericho, (but worsethan she) that hath hid the Spies, and now out-faces their entertainment : Wherein the heart doth to it selfe, that which Nahash the Ammonite, would have done to Israel, put out his owne right eie, that it may not fee that law whereby it might be conuinced, and finde it selfe miserable. Thus the vnderstanding of man is every wav

way deceitfull in ouerknowing, mif-knowing, dissembling; in all which it is like an euill and vnsaithfull eye, that either will be seeing by a false glasse, or a false light, or with distortion; or else wilfully closes the lids that it may not see at all; and in all this deceives vs.

The will is no lesse cunning; which though it make faire pretences of a generall inclination to good, yet (bic on nunc) in particulars, hangs towards a pleasing euill; Yea though the Vnderstanding haue sufficiently informed it of the worthinesse of good, and the turpitude of euill, yet being ouercome with the salse delectablenesse of sinne, it B 4 yeelds

yeelds to a misse-assent; Reason being (as Aguinas speakes) either swallowed vp by some passion, or held downe by some vicious habit : It is true, still the Will followes the Reason, neither can doe otherwise; but therefore, if Reason mis-led be contrary to Reason, and a schisme arise in the soule, it must follow that the Will must needs be contrary to Will and Reason; Wherein it is like a Planet, which though it be carried about perpetually by the first mouer, yet slily creepes on his owne way, contrary to that strong circumuolution: And though the minde be sufficiently conuinced of the necessitie, or profit of a good act, yet for the tediousnesse annexed to it, in a dangerous spirituall accdie, it insensibly slips away from it, and is content to let it fall; As some idle, or fearfull Merchant, that could be glad to haue gold, if it would come with case, but will not either take the paines, or hazard the aduenture to fetch it: Thus commonly the Will (in both respects) Waterman-like lookes forward, and rowes backward; and vnder good pretences doth nothing but deceive.

The affections are as deceitfull as either; whether in misseplacing, measure, or manner.

Mif-placing: They are fiery where they should be coole; and

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where they should burne, freeze; Our heart makes vs beleeue it loues God, and gives him pledges of affection; whiles it fecretly doats vpon the world; like some false strumper, that entertaines her husband with her eyes, and in the meane time treads ypon the toe of an Adulterer vnder the board: That it loues justice, when it is but reuenge; That it grieues for the milling of Christ, when indeed it is but for the loaves and fishes; That it feares God, when indeed it is but afraid of our owne torment; That it hates the sinne, when it is the person; That it hates the world, when it thrusts God out of doores to lodge it. Measure:

Measure: That we love God enough, and the world but enough, when as indeed the one loue is but as the cold fit of an ague, the other an hot; we chill in the one, no leffethan weglow in the other; when wee make God only a stale to draw on the world; That wee doe enough hate our corruptions, when (at our sharpest) we doe but gently fneape them, as Hely did his fons; or as fome indulgent parent doth an vnthriftie darling, whom he chides, and yet feeds with the fewell of his excesse; That we have grieved enough for our finnes, when they have not cost vs so much as one teare, nothing but a little fashionable winde, winde, that neuer came further than the roots of our tongue; That we doe enough compassionate the afflictions of Ioseph, when we drinke wine in bowles; That wee feare God more than men, when wee are ashamed to doe that in presence of a childe, which wee care not to doe in the face of God.

Manner: That our heart loues, and hates, and feares, and ioyes, and grieues truly, when it is an hypocrite in all; That it delights constantly in God, and holy things, when it is but an Ephraims morning dew; That our anger is zealous, when it is but a flash of personall malice, or a superstitious surie; That we feare

feare as sonnes, when it is as cowards, or flaues; That we grieue as Gods patients, when we fret, and repine, and struggle like franticks against the hand of our Maker. Thus (to fumme vp all ) the heart of man is wholly fet vpon cozenage; the vnderstanding ouer-knowing, mif-knowing, diffembling; The will pretending, and inclining contrarily; The affections mocking vs in the object, meafure, manner; and in all of them the heart of man is deceitfull.

Ye have seene the face of this Cheater; looke now at his hand; and now ye see who this Deceiuer is, see also the sleights of his deceit; and therein, the fashion, the

the subject, the sequell of it; from whence we will descend to our Demeanure towards so dangerous an Impostor.

The fashion of his deceit is the same with our ordinary Iuglers; either cunning conueyance, or fasse semblance. Cunning conueyance, whether into vs, in vs, from vs.

The heart admits sinne, as Paradise did the Serpent; There it is, but by what chinkes or cranies it entered, we know not; so as we may say of sinne as the Master of the feast in the Gospell said to his slouenly guest, Quomodo intrasti? How camest thou in bither? Corruption doth not eat into the heart as our first Parents

rents did into the apple, so as the print of their teeth might bee feene, but as the worme eats into the core, infenfibly; Neither is there lesse closenesse when it is entered; I would it were as vntrue a word, as it is an harsh one, that many a professedly-Christian heart, lodges a deuill in the blinderoomes of it, and either knowes it not, or will not be acknowne of it; euery one that harbours a willing finne in his brest, doth so: The malicious man hath a furious deuill; the wanton an vncleane deuill, a Beelphegor, or a Tammuz; the proud man a Lucifer, the couetous a Mammon; Certainly, these foulespirits are not more truly

inhell, than in a wicked heart; there they are, but so closely, that I know not if the heart it selfe know it; it being verified of this citadell of the heart, which was faid of that vast Niniue, that the enemie had taken some parts of it, long ere the other knew it : What should I speake of the most common, and yet most dangerous guest, that lodges in this Inne of the heart, Infidelity? Call at the doore, and aske if such a one host not there; They within make strange of it, deny it, forsweareit; Call the officers, make priny search, you shall hardly finde him; Like some Iesuite in a Popilh dames chamber, he is

so closely contriued into false floores, and double walls, that his presence is not more easily knowne, than hardly conuinced, confessed. How easie is it to fay, that if infidelity did not lurke in the hearts of men, they durst not doe as they doe; they could not but doe, what they doenor? Durst they sin if they were perswaded of an helledurst they buy a minute of pleasure with euerlasting torments? Could they so fleight heaven if they belowed it? Could they be so loth to possesse it? Could they thinke much of a little painfull goodnesse to purchase an eternity of happinesse! No, no, men, fathers, and brethren; if the heart were not Infidell, whiles the face is Christian, this could not bee. Neither doth the heart of man more cunningly conucy finne into, and in it selfe, than from it; The sin that ye faw euen now openly in the hands, is so swiftly past vnder the board, that it is now vanished; Looke for it in his forehead, there it is not; looke for it vnder his tongue, there is none; looke for it in his conscience, ye finde nothing; and all this by the legier-de-maine of the heart: Thus Achan hath hid his wedge, and now he dares stand out to a lot; Thus Salomons Harlot hath wip't her mouth, and it was not the: Thus Saul will lie-out his facri-

facriledge, vntill the very beafts out-bleat, and out-bellow him; Thus the Iwearer Iweares, and when he hath done, sweares that hee swore not; Thus the vncleane fornicator bribes off his finne, and his shame, and now makes challenges to the world of his honesty. It cannot be spoken how pecuifuly with the heart of man is this way; neither doubt I but this wilinesse is some of the poyson that the subtile serpent infected vs with in that fatall morfell: They were three cunning shifts which the Scripture recordeth of three women (asthat fex hath beene euer noted for more sudden pregnancie of wit) Rachel, Rahab, and

the good wife of Bahurim; The first niding the Teraphim with a modelt feat, the second, the fpies with flaxe-stalkes, and the third Davids fcours with corne spred ouer the Well; but these are nothing to the deuices that nature hath wont to vie for the cloaking of finne; God made man ropright, faith Salomon, but he fought many inventions: Is Adam challenged for sinne? Behold all on the sudden it is passed from his hand, to Gods; The woman that thou gauest me: Is Saul challenged for a couetous and disobedient remissenesse: the sinne is straight passed from the field to the Altar; I saved the fattest for a sacrifice to the Lord thy God; So the one

begins his sinne in God, and the other ends it in him : Is David bewitched with lust to abuse the Wife ? the Husband must bee fent home drunke, to hide it, or if not that, to his long home, in a pretended fauour of his valour: Is a griping Vsurer disposed to put his money together to breed a monster? hee hath a thousand quirks to cozen both law and conscience: Is a Simoniacall Patron disposed to make a good match of his peoples foules? it shall be no bargaine, but a gift : hee hatha kining to giue, but an horse to sell. And fure I thinke in this wife age of the world, Viurers and Simonists strive who shall finde the wittiest wittiest way to hell: What should I speake of the secret frauds in contracts, booties in matches, subornation of instruments, hiring of oathes, seeing of officers, equiuocations of answers, and ten thousand other tricks that the heart of man hath deuised for the conuciances of sinne; in all which it too well approues it selfe incomparably deceitfull.

The false semblance of the heart is yet worse; for the former is most-what for the smothering of euill; this is for the instifying of euill, or the disgrace of good; In these two doth this act of falshood chiefly confist; in making euill good, or good

euill. For the first; The naturall man knowes well how filthy all his brood is, and therefore will not let them come forth, but disguised with the colours and dreffes of good; fo as now euery one of natures birds is a Swan; Pride is handsomnesse, desperate fury, valour; lauishnesse is noble munificence, drunkennesse ciuility, flattery complement, murderous reuenge, iustice; the Curtizan is bona famina, the Sorcerer a wise man, the oppressor a good husband; Absolom will goe pay his vowes; Herod will worship the Babe. For the second, such is the enuy of nature, that where thee fees a better face than her C14 owne,

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owne, she is ready to scratch it, or cast dirt in it; and therefore knowing that all vertue hath a natiue beauty in it, she labours to deforme it by the foulest imputations. Would the Israelites be deuout? they are idle; Doth David daunce for joy before the Arke! heis a foole in a Morris: Doth Saint Paul discourse of his heauenly Vision? too much learning hath made him mad. Doe the Disciples miraculously speake all the tongues of Babel? They are full of new wine: Doc they preach Christs Kingdome? they are feditious; The refurrection? they are bablers. Is a man conscionable? he is an Hypocrite: Is he conformable? he

is vnconscionable : Is he plaine dealing? he is rudely vnciuill: Is he wisely infinuative?he is a flatterer: In fhort, such is the wicked craft of the heart, that it would let vs fee nothing in it owne forme; but faine would shew vs euill faire, that we might be inamored of it, and vertue vgly, that we might abhorre it; and as it doth for the way, so doth it for the end; hiding from vs the glory of heaven, that is laid vp for ouer-commers, and shewing vs nothing but the pleasant closure of wickednesse; making vs beleeue that hell is a palace, and heaven a dungeon, that fo we might be in loue with death; and thus both in cunning conueyance, neyance, and talle lemblance, The beart of man is deceitfull about all things.

Ye have seene the fashion of this deceit; cast now your eies vpon the subject : And whom doth it then deceive? It doth deceiue others, it can deceiue it selfe, it would deceive Sathan, yea God himselfe. Others, first : How many doe we take for honest and sound Christians, who yet are but errant hypocrites? These Apes of Sathan haue learned to transforme themselues into Angels of light; The heart bids the eies looke vpward to heaven, when they are full of adultery; It bids the hands to raise vp themselues towards their their Maker, when they are full of bloud; It bids the tongue wagge holily, when there is nothing in the bosome but Atheous profanenesse; It bids the knee to bow like a Camel, when the heart is stiffe as an Elephant; yea if need bee it can bid a teare fall from the eie, or an almes or just action fall from the hand, and all to gull the world with a good opinion; In all which, false chapmen and horse-coursers doe not more ordinarily deceive their buyers in shops and faires, than wee doe one another in our conversation: Yea, fo crafty is the heart that it can deceiue it selfe; By ouer-weening his own powers, as the proud man; by vnder-valuing his graces, as the modelt; by mif-taking his estate, as the ignorant; How many hearts doe thus groffely beguile themselves? The first thinkes hee is rich, and fine, when hee is beggerly and naked; fo did the Angell of Laodicea: The second is poore in his owne spirit, when he is rich of Gods spirit: The third thinkes that he is a great fauorite of heauen, when he is rather branded for an out-cast; that he is truly noble, when he is a flaue to that, which is baser than the worst of Gods creatures, finne: Let the proud and ignorant worldling therefore know, that though others may mocke mocke him with applauses, yet that all the world cannot make him so much a foole as his owne heart.

Yea, fo cunning is the heart, that it thinkes to goe beyond the deuill himselfe : I can (thinks it ) swallow his bait, and yet auoid his hooke; I can sinne, and line; I can repent of finning, and defeat my punishment by repenting; I can runne vpon the score, and take vp the sweet and rich commodities of finfull pleasure; and when I haue done, I can put my felfe vnder the protection of a Saujour, and escape the arrest : Oh the world of foules that perish by this fraud, fondly beguiling themthemselues, whiles they would beguile the Tempter.

Yet higher : Lastly, as Satan went about to deceive the Son of God; to this foolish confort and client of his goes about to deceive God himfelfe: The first paire of hearts that ever was, were thus credulous, to thinke they should now meet with a meanes of knowledge and Deifying, which God either knew not of, or grudged them, and therefore they would be stealing it out of the fide of the apple, without God, yea against him Tuth, none eye shall see vs; Is there knowledge in the most bigh;

faith the fortish Atheist Lord; baue not we heard thee preach in our streets? baue not De cast out Beuils in thy name ? fayes the smoothing hypocrite; as if he could fetch God over for an admission into heaven. Thou haft not lied to man. but to God, faith S. Peter to Ananias. And petulh Ionas, after hee had beenecooled in the belly of the Whale, and the Sea, yet will be bearing God downe in an argument to the iustifying of his idle choler, I doe well to be angry to the death. But as the greatest Policicians are oft ouertaken with the groffeft follies (God owes proud wits a shame) the heart of man could not possibly deuise how to much to befoole it felfe, as by this wicked prefumption : Oh yee Pfal 94. fooles, when will ye onderstand? He

that formed the eye, shall be not see? Hee that teacheth man knowledge, [hall not be understand? The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanitie. Arod for the backe of fooles, yea a rod of iron for fuch presumptuous fooles, to crush them in peeces like a Potters veffell.

Ye have seene the fashion and the subject of this deceit : the sequell, or effect followes; euery way lamentable; For hence it comes to passe that many a one hath had his heart in keeping fortie, fiftie, threescore yeeres, and more, and yet is not acquainted with it; and all because this craft hath kept it at the Priscillianists locko, Tuomnes, tene

mo; It affects to be a fearcher of all men, no man is allowed to come aboard of it; And if a man whether out of curiofitie, or conscience, bee desirous to inquire into it (as it is a shame for a man to be a stranger at home; Know ye not your owne hearts, faith the Apostle; ) it casts it selfe, Proteus-like, into so many formes, that it is very hard to apprehend it. One while the man hath no heart, ( 35 %) faith Salomon; Then hee hath ( שלב-ולב) an heart, and an heart, Palin faith David; and one of his hearts contradicts another; and then how knowes he whether to beleeue? And what certainty, what safety can it be for a man to live

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vnacquainted with himselfe? Of this vnacquaintance, secondly arises a dangerous mes-prison of a mans selfe, in the nature and quantity of his sinne, in the quality of his repentance, in his peace and intirenesse with God, in his right to heauen, and (in a word) in his whole spirituall estate. Of this mes-prison, thirdly, arises a fearefull disappointment of all his hopes, and a plunging into vnauoidable torments: Wherein it is miserable to see, how cunningly the traiterous hearts of many men beare them in hand all their lives long; foothing them in all their courses, promising them successe in all their waies, securing them from

from feare of euills, assuring them of the fauour of God, and possession of heaven (as some fond Bigot would bragge of his Bull, or Medall, or Agnus Dei; or; as those Priests that Gerson \* taxes, who made the people beleeue that the Masse was good for the eye-fight, for the mawe, for bodily health, and preservation) till they come to their deathbeds; But then when they come to call forth the comforts they must trust to, they finde them like to some vnfaithfull Captaine, that hath all the while in Garrison filled his purse with dead paies, and made vp the number of his companies with borrowed men; and in time of eale. D 2

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eate shewd faire; but when hee is called forth by a sudden alarum, bewraies his shame and weaknesse, and failes his Generall when he hath most need of him; right thus doe the perfidious hearts of many, after all the glorious bragges of their fecurity, on the bed of their last reckoning, finde nothing but a cold despaire, and a wofull horror of conscience; and therefore too justly may their hearts fay to them, as the heart of Apollodorus the Tyran seemed to say vnto him; who dreamed one night that hee was fleaed by the Scythians, and boyled in a Caldron; and that his heart spake to him out of the kettle ( 50 mi 78Waina) It is I that have drawne thee to all this. Certainly neuer man was, or shall bee frying in hell, but cries out of his owne heart, and accuses that deceitfullpeece as guilty of all his torment: For let Satan be neuer fo malicious, and the world neuer so parasiticall, yet if his owne heart had beene true to him, none of these could have hurt him. Let the rest of our enemies doe their worst, only from the euill of our owne hearts, good Lord deliuer vs.

It were now time for our thoughts to dwell a little vpon the meditation, and deploration of our owne danger and milery, who are euery way fo inuironed

ned with subtlety. If wee looke at Satan, his old title is, that old Serpent; who must needs thereforenow, by fo long time and experience, bee both more old and more Serpent. If we looke at finne, it is as crafty as he; Left any of you be hardened through the deceitfulnesse of sinne : If at our owne hearts, we heare (that which we may feele) that the beart is deceinfull aboue all things. Oh wretched men that we are, how are webefet with Impostors on all hands; If it were more seasonable for vs to bewaile our estate, than to seeke the redresse of it; But fince it is not so much worth our labour to know how deepe the pit is, into which wee are fallen,

fallen, as how to come out of it, heare rather (I beseech you) for a conclusion, how wee may auoid the danger of the deceit of our faile heart; euen iust so as we would preuent the nimble feates of some cheating lugler; Search him, watch him; Trust him not.

Looke well into his hands, pockets, boxes, flecues, yea, vnder his very tongue it selfe; There is no fraud to fecret, but may be descried; were our hearts as crafty as the deuil himselfe, they may be found out; We are not ignorant (faith Saint Paul) rohuala of Satans deuices; much more then may we know our owne; Were the hearts of men (as Salo-

mon speakes of Kings) like vnto deepe waters, they have a bottome, and may be fathomed; Were they as darke as hell it selfe, and neuer so full of windings, and blind waies, and obscure turnings, doe but take the lanthorne of Gods law in your hand, and you shall easily finde all the false and foule corners of them; As David faith of the Sun, nothing is hid from the light thereof; Proue your selves, faith the Apo-Itle; It is hard if falshood be so constant to it selfe that by many questions it bee not tripped: Where this duty is flackened, it is no wonder if the heart bee ouer-run with spirituall fraud; Often priuy searches scarre away vagrant,

vagrant, and disorderly persons; where no inquiry is made, is a fit harbour for them; If yee would not have your hearts, therefore, become the lawlesse Ordinaries of vncleane spirits, learch them oft; Leaue not a straw vnshaken to finde out these Labanish Teraphim that are stolne, and hid within vs; And, when wee haue searched our best, if we feare there are yet fome vnknowne euills lurking within vs (as the man after Gods owne heart prayes against secret finnes) let vs call him in that cannot be deceived; and fay to God with the Plalmist, Search thou me o Lord, and trie me; Oh let vs yeeld our selues ouer to bee ranransackt by that all-leeing eye, and effectuall hand of the Almighty. All our daubing, and cogging, and packing, and shuffling hes open before him, and he only can make the heart ashamed of it selfe.

And when our hearts are once stript naked, & carefully searcht, let our eyes be euer fixedly bent vpon their conueyances, and inclinations; If we fearch and watch not, wee may be safe for the present, long wee cannot; for our eye is no sooner off, than the heart is busie in some practife of fallhood; It is well if it forbeare whiles wee looke on, for The thoughts of mans beart are only euil continually; and many a heart heart is like some bold and cunning theefe, that lookes a man in the face, and cuts his purse: But furely, if there be any guardian of the foule, it is the eye, The Dife mans eye (saith Solomon) is in his bead; doubtlesse, on purpose to looke into his heart : My fonne, aboue all keepings keepe thy heart, faith he; If we doe not dogge our hearts then in all our wayes, but suffer our selves to lose the fight of them, they run wilde, and we shall not recouer them till after many flippery tricks on their parts, and much repentance on ours. Alas, how little is this regarded in the world? wherein the most take no keepe of their soules, but suffer them**felues**  selues to run after the wayes of their owne hearts, without observation, without controlement; What should I say of thele men, but that they would faine be deceived, and perish? For after this loofe licentiousnesse (without the great mercy of God) they neuer fet eye more vpon their hearts, till they fee them either fearfully intoyled in the present judgements of God, orfast chained in the pit of hell, in the torments of finall condemnation.

Thirdly, If our fearches and watches should faile vs, wee are sure our distrust cannot; It is not possible our heart should deceive vs, if we trust it not; Wee carry

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carry a remedy within vs of others fraud; and why not of our owne? The Italians not vnwisely pray God (in their knowne prouerbe) to deliver them from whom they trust; for wee are obnoxious to those we relie vpon, but nothing can leese that which it had not; Distrust therefore can neuer be disappointed: If our hearts then shall promise vs ought(as it hath learned to profer largely, of him that faid, All thefe will I gine thee) although with vowes & oathes, aske for his affurances; if he cannot fetch them from the cuidences of God, trust him not: If heshall report ought to vs, aske for his witnesses; if he cannot produce

produce them from the records of God, trust him not: If he shall aduise vs ought, aske for his warrant; if he cannot fetch it from the Oracles of God, trust him not; And in all things fo beare our selues to our heart, as those that thinke they live amongst theeues and cozeners; euer icalously and suspiciously; taking nothing of their word, scarce daring to trust our owne fenses; making sure worke in all matters of their transactions. I know I speake to wife men, whose counsell is wont to be asked, and followed, immatter of the assurances of estates; whose wisdome is frequently imployed in the triall, euiction, dooming

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of malefactors: Alas, what shall it auaile you that you can aduile for the preuention of others fraud, if in the meane time you fuffer your selves to be coz at home ? What comfort an you finde in publike service to the state against offenders, if you should carry a fraudulent and wicked heart in your owne bofomes? There is one about whom wee may trust, whose word is more firme than heaven; When heauen shall passe, that shall stand; It is no trusting ought besides, any further than he gives his word for it. Mans Epithet is, Homo mendax, and his best part, the hearts, deceitfull. Alas, what shall wee thinke, or fay of the condition of those men, which never follow any other advice than what they take of their owne heart? Such as the most; that make not Gods Law of their counsell; As Esay said of Israel, Abije vagus in viacordis sui: Surely they are not

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with it, and betraied vnto death; Of them may I say, as Salomon doth of the wanton soole, that followes an harlot; Thus with her great craft she caused him to yeeld, and with her flattering lips she intifed him: And he followed her straightwayes, as an Oxe that goes to the slaughter, or as a soole to the stocks for correction. Oh then, deare

Christians,

Christians, as euer yee desire to auoid that direfull slaughterhouse of hell, those wailings, and gnashings, and gnawings, and euerlasting burning carefully to your owne he is; and what euer fuggestions they shall make vnto you, trust them not, till you have tried them by that vnfaileable rule of righteousnesse, the royall law of your Maker, which can no more deceiue you, than your hearts can free you from deceit.

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Lastly, that wee may avoid not onely the events, but the very enterprises of this deceit, let vs countermine the subtill workings of the heart. Our

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Sanjour hath bidden vs be wife as Serpents; What should bee wife but the heart? And can the heart be wifer than it selfe? e wisdome of the heart remedie the craft of the heart? Certainly it may. There are two men in euery regenerate brest, the old and the new; And of these (as they are euer plotting against each other) wee must take the better side, and labour that the new man, by being more wife in God, may out-strip the old: And how shall that be done? If we would dispossesse the Arong man that keepes the house, our Sauiour bids vs bring in a stronger than hee; and if wee would

would ouer-reach the subtiltie of the old man, yea, the old Serpent, bring in a wifer than hee, even the Spirit God, the God of wildome; would have Achitophels willed counsels crossed, set vp an Hu-That within vs: The foolishnesse of God is wifer than the wifdome of men. Could wee but settle God within vs, our craftie hearts would bee out of countenance, and durst not offer to play any of their deluding tricks before him from whom nothing is hid; and if they could bee so impudently prefumptuous, yet they should be so soone controlled in their first motions, that there would

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bee more danger of their confusion, than of our deceit. As yee loue your selues therefore, and voor owne fafetie, and bee free from the perill of this secret broaker of Satan, your owne hearts, render them obediently into the hands of God; give him the keyes of these closets of his owne making; befeech him that hee will vouchsafe to dwell and reigne in them; fo shall wee be fure that neither Satan shall deceive them, nor they deceive vs; but both wee and they shall be kept safe and inuiolable, and prefented glorious to the appearance of our Lord IESVS CHRIST: To whom with

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Heaven could not give us, not we covet more.
Hince Anti-monarchists, from you there springs
Sidvery; but Freedom's from Heaven and Kings;
Then let all loyal heatts with us conclude,
May Caser live, and Rebels be tablu'd.

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Note, The Exchequer opens eight days before any Term hegins, except Trinity-Term, before which it opens only four days.

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Directions for the Subsequent Diary, or Almanach. 1. IN the first column to the left hand, on the left hand page, you have the Numeral figures of the days of the Month. 2. In the fecond column you have the week days, and Domisical Letter. 3. You have all the principal and observable Saints days and others; the places of the Planers, and the Moon most nights and what fixed Stars the is with is observed; by which the Afterisms & Confiellations are easily known to an ingenious eye & under fan-4. The Moons place in the Zodiack every day at noon. (ding c. The age of the Moon, by which the Tides are known. 6. The rifing and lecting of the Moon, every day in the year with Latitude. 7. The general flare of the weather, with much care performed by the Author. 8. In the 8. column, the first on the right hand, you have the English account. In the 9. the Forein, In the 10, the Roman week days, and Sunday Letter, 11. The perfect Roman Kalendar and Saines davs, 12, 13, 14, the utmost to the right hand, you have the day! rifing and ferring of the Sun, with the Alpetts. A Table to find when the Moon will be full South every day that year, whereby the time of Tides is exactly known. M.A. H.b.f. Firkt find her age in the c. column of the Alma 1116 1: 148 nack, which is exactly every day noted; which age 1/26 leck out in one of the two columns of this Table to 2 17 a like left hand, against which in the third and fount! 3 18 3 12 columns is the hour and minutes which flew the 419 al ocime of the Moons being South. 5 20 As for example, the 12,day of March the Moon 6 21 1 36 is 19 days old, which being found in the 2 column of 7 23 8 23 6 24 this Table againft 4, tothe lete hand, it points te 112 | h. 12 m. at which time the Moon is South the face 9 24 8 oliz.day of March 1677. Et fe de ceteris. 10 25 Here note, that all the increase she cometh to the 13 26 848 \$186 South in the evening following the Sun; but is 12 27 13 28 16 24 the decrease, in the morning going before the Sun. By any Sun-dial you may know the bour of night 14 29 11 12 15 30 11 o by adding to the time of the Moon being South afala | z |ter, or fuberading before.

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1	Newcasile, Falmouth, Humber,		15	
1	Lyn, Antwerp, Plimoub, Hull,	. 6	0	
	Briftol, Lanion, Foulness,	6	45	
	Milford, Bridgwater, North-coaft,	7	30	
	Portland, Peterport, Hartflew,	. 8	15	
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	Duke William the Norman conquered England	611
	Westminster-ball built	578
-	The building of Sr. Pauls Church London	591
.,	London-Bridge built with stone	468
	The Bible first divided into Chapters	481
1	The first invention of Guns	297
	A Froft from the midft of September till April	313
	The rare invention of Printing	237
	Pauls Steeple fired by Lightning	116
1	The New Star in Cassiopea	104
	The Royal Exchange built and finished first time	Ios.
	A great Snow fell February 4.	99
Sinc	Tilbury Camp on St. James day	19
2	A Plague in London whereof died 30578.	71
	The last great Snow, and Smithfield paved	62
	A great Plague in London, whereof died 3,428.	52
	The Parliament that produced monsters began	37-
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	King Charles the Second Cafely returned to Whitehall	1, 2
1	May 19. 1660.	3,1
1	His Majesty triumphantly Crowned, April 23.	16
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1	The doleful Plague that followed them, whereof die	d7
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